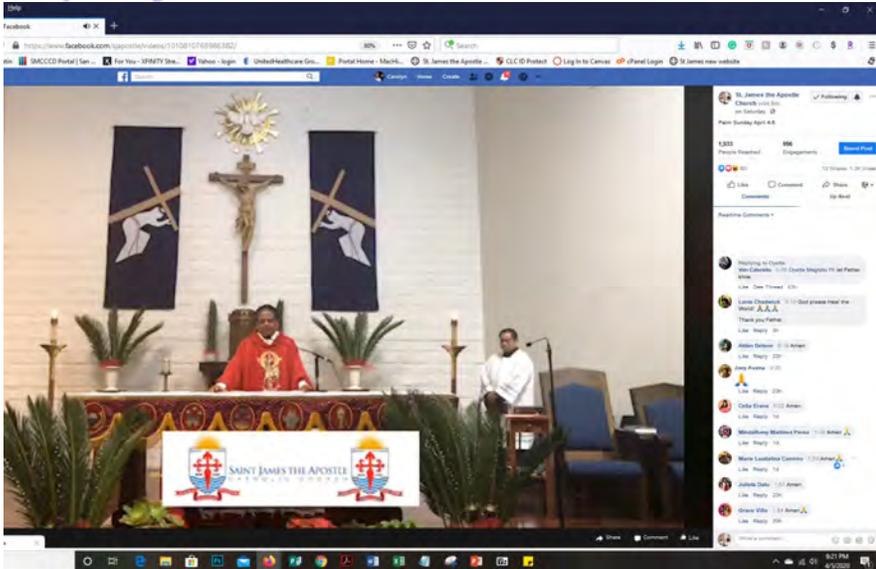


This week at St. James the Apostle

April 19, 2020
Open Mind • Open Heart • Open Door



Live Streaming of Palm Sunday Mas. Thank you *Billy Panganiban* for streaming all the Masses during Holy Week and the weekly Mass on Saturday. The Parishioners appreciate your time and efforts, especially when faced with the challenges of an inconsistent WiFi signal!

Easter Sunday Mass was live streamed on Facebook at 7:30 am. The choir and Eucharistic Ministers tried to make sure they were socially distant!



Faith Formation Online with Zoom!

Level 6 classes work online with their Catechist, Majel Cantoria.



PEACE BE WITH YOU

The world cannot give us the true peace,
Our suffering or pain the world can't ease.
There's much sadness around us today,
Worldly peace can't last in any way.

You get no peace having a big name,
Nor will there be peace with wealth or fame.
Peace doesn't come from having big titles,
The peace the world gives us is little.

All people long for peace in their life,
Without peace life only brings us strife.
Sadly, peace eludes the modern man,
To find peace we need to seek God's plan

Peace is a gift only God can give,
Which, with gratitude we should receive.
Nobody can steal this peace away,
It'll bring us joy more than words can say.

The Giver of peace came to the world,
His coming the prophets had foretold.
He was the Light to lighten our path,
The way to peace is the narrow path.

Without peace we live our life in pain,
Our wealth and positions are in vain.
We may be able to conquer the world
Without peace our life we cannot hold.

Questions:

1. How do you deal with insecurity and uncertainty?
2. When things start to go bad do you try to take control?
3. Where do you turn for peace?
4. What will give you a long lasting peace that will never be disturbed?
5. Which stanza of this poem helps you the most?

Reflections:

Peace is a state of mind, an inner tranquility that you enjoy at any given time. Peace brings a certain calmness over your body, and your mind is free from being disturbed or troubled. There is an inner freedom that makes you look very peaceful. This is a state of mind that all long for but few find. This is because we are not prepared to walk the path of peace. We will find no peace if we look for it in the wrong places, things or people. The way to peace is very hard and not many are willing to follow this path. As in many other cases, we often look for shortcuts to peace.

The world offers many quick fixes to improve our lives. We are familiar with slogans that promise you better physical health, weight loss, mental health, a better marriages, and so on. We are constantly on the lookout for shortcuts to a happy marriage, healthy relationships or successful parenthood. All the time we are being seduced to buy products that only can offer short term solutions. Take a close look at your own life: realize how often you have fallen victim to these enticements. What is the result? Have they improved your life to one that has long-lasting happiness and peace? Is your home today a sanctuary of peace? Are you a harbinger of peace in the family?

Modern man is not very patient and looks for quick solutions to his problems. He is in a hurry moving from one schedule to another that makes him exhausted at the end of the day. He is constantly on the run doing one thing or

another. He experiments with different things hoping to find peace. The more he tries, the farther he gets from finding peace. Peace eludes modern man, who has a much more comfortable life today than his counterparts of the past. He



MESSAGE FROM
FATHER ANTONY

has embraced materialism with the hope that material things will bring him peace. He tries to get the best and most of everything that the world can offer. He buys them hoping to find peace.

There is no end to his craze to amass wealth, titles, power and position. The more he has, the less he is peaceful. He is restless and sleepless because he is afraid of his possessions and power being stolen. He now has more fears and worries to deal with than the possessions he is able to count. At the depth of his heart there is a nagging doubt whether the material things that he has amassed can guarantee him peace. The more he seeks

peace the more peace runs away from him. An inner voice, in vain, persistently tries to tell him that he has to change his direction and focus to find lasting peace elsewhere. Being drowned by too many promising voices of the world, he continues to seek peace in the wrong places and things. This is especially the story of the rich and influential people of the world. They refuse to accept the fact that at the bottom of their hearts there is an acute loneliness, fear and restlessness. They are a bunch unhappy men and women who put on masks to cover the horrendous state of their inner selves. The expensive clothes they wear, and rich lifestyles they follow are some of the things they adapt to hide their inner miseries. They are in constant fear of being exposed to the world of their inner conflicts.

Look at the world for a while. If materialism could give us peace, Americans should be the most peaceful people on the planet since they have every material blessing. Unfortunately they are not. There is so much unhappiness in the lives of people. Depression has pervaded too many lives of both young and old Americans. This should be a wakeup call for us to slow down and make an evaluation of our lives. Self-examination is the key to our healthy living. This will open our eyes to see that peace is not possible away from God. God

alone is the Giver of peace, and following God's way is the key to a life of peace and joy. We may be able to have the best and the most of everything that the world offers. Peace does not come from the possession of these things. These material things are like grass in the fields, which withers under the influence of the scorching sun. We may try very hard to live in peace, but without God our efforts are wasted. How many years have we to pray before a mango tree starts producing apples instead mangoes? How many more years do you want to pray for peace without God? Inasmuch as a mango tree will never produce apples, which we know so well, so also our seeking

for peace without God will never bear fruit.

Every time Jesus appeared to the apostles after the resurrection, He always greeted them, "Peace be with you." Jesus, the Prince of peace had suffered at the hands of cruel men who crucified Him. At His death the apostles lost all hope. They counted their days in fear that they would also meet with the same fate as their Master. They were troubled, anxious and afraid when Jesus came to them with the greeting of peace and love. Initially they thought He was a ghost. Jesus had to rebuild their confidence and trust because they had begun to think that everything was lost. They even failed to recognize Him. But when they did recognize Him they had no more fears, worries or anxieties. When we, too, recognize Jesus as our Savior, our life and hope there will be peace in our lives. More and more people

In collaboration with local Bay Area officials and in service to the common good of our communities and our country, the Diocese of Oakland has immediately suspended all public Masses until further notice. St. James will remain open to provide a place for prayers and solace for people from 8:00am - 1:00pm. Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the calendar below, for information only. Please contact the Ministry leader for information.



PARISH CALENDAR

- April 19** *Divine Mercy Sunday*
- Apr 20** KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
- Apr 23** Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
- Apr 28** Pastoral Council 7:00pm
- May 1** First Friday
- May 4** KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm
- May 9** Finance Council Meeting 11:00am
- May 10** KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn after 10am Mass
- May 11** St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
- May 18** KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
- May 28** Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
- May 26** Pastoral Council 7:00pm
- July 24** St. James Feast Day - Outdoor Mass
- Aug 15-16** St. James Festival



Please remember those in the Armed Services:

Evelyn Surla (Air Force) Spec. Tara Mueller, Sgt. Kristan Jofel T. Carado, Major Jenny Ryan, Captain David Evans

And Parishioners and friends who need our prayers or who are ill.

Bob Nehls, Ron Lord, Gary Chamberlain, Monica Horton, Arabella Horton, Danny Powell, Cody Maisono, John DiPaola, Evelyn Reyes, Frank Smith, Concha Garcia, Deacon Ernie Dandan, Joel Rivera, Melanie O'Connor, Katherine Gomes, Lydia DeGraf, Laura Skaff, Alice Ferreira, Agnes Harris, Ray Ballin, Martha Torres



To add or update this list, send an email to bulletin@sjapostle.net or phone the parish office at 510-792-1962 and leave a message.

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Would you like to join the "Men in Blue Blazers?" The Knights of Columbus of St. James the Apostle Council No. 14541 is accepting applicants. A prospective candidate must be a practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age. This is a great opportunity for single and married men to serve God and the parish's community activities, set an example for its youth and make families closer to God.



If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Roeli Iranzo, roeli.iranzo@icloud.com, 510-825-4098. Or ask a Knight! Thank you.

We are men of faith & men of action.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Monday-Saturday Mass:** 8:30am
- Saturday Mass:** 5:00pm
- Sunday Masses:** 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00noon
- Rosary before Mass:** Monday - Saturday 8:05am
- Saturday 4:30pm
- Wednesday 7:10pm
- Sunday 8:00am and 11:40am
- 2nd Sunday 9:30am
- Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm
- Saturday 4:00pm or by appt. 9:00 - 10:00am
- Every Friday Adoration:** 9:00 am-6:30pm
- First Fridays:** Adoration 6:30pm
- Sacred Heart Novena 7:15pm
- Benediction 7:30pm
- Healing Mass 7:30pm
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Mass & Novena, Wednesday, 7:30pm

DEVOTIONS

- Weekly:**
- Bible Study Wed. 9:30 am (Kitchen)
- Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thurs, after morning Mass
- In the Small Chapel:**
- Legion of Mary Tues 9:30am
- Bible Study with a Difference Thurs. 7:00pm
- Charismatic Prayer Meeting 2nd & 3rd Fridays 7:00pm
- Monthly:**
- Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm, 2nd and 4th
- Prayer Meeting Mondays (Small Chapel)
- Our Lady of Vailankanni First Saturday 7:00pm
- Sacred Heart 6:30pm 1st Friday

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are beginning to experience in their lives an inner emptiness, meaninglessness and uselessness. Living conditions and standards have improved considerably but the quality of living has not made any improvement. As a matter of fact it is getting worse every day. This is reflected in the suicide rate that has skyrocketed during the last fifty years, as well as in the rates of broken families and divorces, which is at an all time high at the moment. Take a look around to see how many single parents are raising children. Who can replace the emptiness and vacuum that has been created in the hearts of children because their parents are separated? If Jesus is in their lives they will be able to handle their problems differently and peace will be their choice. If Jesus is at the center of their families He will be the Pillar of unity and harmony in the families.

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ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M-F 9:00AM TO NOON, SUNDAY 9:30AM - 11:30AM

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community. If you are not registered in the Parish, please complete a registration form available at church entrance or at the Parish Office or drop the form below in the collection basket.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

BAPTISMS

To have your child baptized, please **make an appointment** with Father Antony. Come to the St. James Parish office or call the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. For more details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Marcial Vasco 650-303-7106.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: First Saturday of the month from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

Baptism Celebration: Last Saturday of the month 11:30am-12:30pm in the church

FUNERALS

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Shirley Aldana @ 510-537-6600 X 133.

MOTHER TERESA CENTER RESERVATIONS.

Call 510-999-5940, email MTC@sjapostle.net, or leave a message at the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor
Ernie Dandan, Deacon

Welcome, New Members!

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive communication via email or regular mail.

Registration information is essential for the office to respond to requests, send important parish and diocesan information and verify donations for tax purposes. If you need a letter of good standing to be a sponsor or Godparent for a baptism or marriage, registration is very important.

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket and we will mail you a Parish Registration form. You can also find a registration form on the website (sjapostle.net) - Parish Info - Parish Membership.

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Faith Formation Online with Zoom!

Level 6 classes work online with their Catechists, Majel Cantoria.

