

*This Week at St. James the Apostle - June 7, 2020*



**ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH  
FAITH FORMATION**

**"CREATING GREAT MINDS  
AND BIG HEARTS  
TO SERVE AND LEAD"**



# Faith Formation Ministry In Action



*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,  
faithfully administering God's grace in its  
various form." 1 Peter 4:10*

Despite the challenges and restrictions brought about by Covid-19, St James the Apostle Parish and its Faith Formation ministry continue to serve its children and their families. Rest assured that we will keep the St James spirit alive through God's grace and Mama Mary's guidance and protection. Stay Healthy and Safe, everyone!

*Top : Mylene Juan , Lilibeth Mique, Ury Gonzalez, Jeanne DiPaola  
Middle: Vivian Rhone, Portia and Ron Lord, Renee Maningding, Van Cabrieto  
Last Row: Sheila Remolar –Reduta and Majel Cantoria*

## HOLY TRINITY

It's hard to fathom the Holy Trinity,  
As it is considered a great mystery.  
It's certainly beyond man's intelligence,  
Look at it with faith and you'll see the difference.

Holy Trinity is God's testimony-  
To His love for mankind from eternity.  
God is one and in Him, we know, there are Three,  
Not with intelligence but with faith we can see.

Among them there is a perfect unity,  
It is a unity in diversity  
Each Person shares in fullness divine nature,  
Among them perfect love they always nurture.

Each One joins with two Others to be God,  
As the Three Persons together comprise God.  
They're three equal Persons living together  
Perfect understanding is their character.

Among the Three, Father is the Creator,  
While the second Person is the Redeemer.  
The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier  
Each one plays the role of a Unifier.

The Trinity marks the origin of Christianity  
It is the model of true Christian community.  
Like the Trinity we must learn to love one another  
And learn that united Christians can be ever stronger.

### Questions:

1. How does the poem help your understanding of God's divine nature?
2. What is your relationship with that divine nature?
3. How does the Holy Trinity's action penetrate your own being?
4. How should your participation in God's nature be reflected in community prayer?

### Reflections:

At a Confirmation, the Archbishop asked the candidates for a definition of the Holy Trinity. One of them answered, "The Holy Trinity is three Persons in one God." The Archbishop, who was hard of hearing, replied, "I don't understand you." And the young theologian replied, "You are not supposed to, your Grace. The Trinity is a mystery." From time memorial the Holy Trinity has been considered a mystery beyond human explanation or understanding. There is a popular story attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo, a brilliant theologian, which goes like this. Being an intellectual he wanted to prove the mystery of the Holy Trinity and to explain the existence of three Persons in One God. He spent years attempting to prove the mystery. He could never articulate any convincing explanations, until one night, when an angel took him to a seashore. Showing him the mighty ocean, the angel asked Augustine to make a hole in the sand. He dug the biggest hole he could. Then the angel told him, "Now empty the water of this ocean into this hole." He answered the angel, saying it was impossible for the small hole to contain the mighty ocean. The angel then gently reminded him that his brain is too small to contain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Augustine abandoned his effort to approach the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

As Catholics we do almost everything by invoking the holy names of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. We often do so mechanically, without considering its significance. The Holy Trinity is the ideal for a community. It is a perfect community of love, and God's revelation of such is a divine gift. Among the three Persons there is perfect love, understanding and unity. They complement each other perfectly in their radiance of God's divine love and mercy. The Holy Trinity is the divine

model for our lives, which is why God chose to reveal this Mystery to us. By contemplating the Holy Trinity we can learn a lot about ourselves and about the way we should live. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity radiate all of God's virtues, which of course do not include the petty jealousy, backbiting or insecurity we commonly experience in our earthly relationships. Consider the ideal in those worldly relations: to make each other feel fully accepted, loved and appreciated. They are a symbol of perfect unity. Each of them



**MESSAGE FROM  
FATHER ANTONY**

has their own well-defined tasks, which they bring to perfect fulfillment. Each Person keeps to His own work and does not interfere with the others, because there is pure humility in each. The Trinity is a community of Persons.

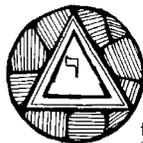
Man is not an island. We need each other to be truly human. We are mutually interdependent social beings. This is evident from the beginning to the end of life. The newborn infant, left to itself, dies. The same is true of the elderly. And in between the entrance and exit, we are also dependent on each other. It is through these relationships that we identify ourselves and become the person God has given

us the potential to become. This community of persons is a COMMUNITY OF LOVE. The essence of the Trinity is a personal relationship of love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Love should also be the root characteristic of the Christian community. Love is creative, fulfilling and healing. It is the source of life, without which no one can live. It heals and completes both the one who gives it and the one who receives it. In the Trinity there is not uniformity but UNITY in DIVERSITY. Each Person is unique and all share in the divine nature in perfect unity.

Too often for us, diversity is a source of fear, suspicion and hatred. How devastating to the community is the unreasonable demand for uniformity. What a dull, boring world it would be if everyone were alike. The word Catholic means unity in diversity. The Christian community is the people of God, the family of God, as we pray in the "Our Father." In necessary things we have unity, in doubtful things we have liberty, but in all things we have charity. How foolish it is to demand uniformity in faith when there is no uniformity anywhere in creation or in the Creator.

One of the basic human psychological needs is to belong, which provides the foundation for growth and development. We need to belong to a family, to a parish, and to a community because of our dependence on the love, support and friendship of others. It is not good to be alone, and we can only experience true happiness when we belong. It is a sad experience to go through life feeling like an outsider. Because God's family is such a happy family, God wants to share the happiness of that family with us and invites us to belong. This began when we were created in the image and likeness of God, and reinforced as we were baptized and became sons and daughters of God. That can roll off the tongue so easily, "sons and daughters of God," but it would be good to stop and think about it. Imagine, you are sons and daughters of God! You were adopted as God's son or daughter on the day you were baptized. We belong to God. Jesus is the Son of God, and you are also a son or daughter of God. What does that mean? It means Jesus is your brother! In this way we participate in God's Holy Trinity, and we belong in the profoundest possible way. The Father is also your father, Abba, your Daddy. This experience is a beautiful reflection of the spiritual reality that we are in fact all brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of the one Father. You belong to the Father,

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Glory  
to the Father

the  
Son



and  
the Holy Spirit



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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 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 with Communion available on Sundays. Regularly scheduled meetings are listed in the calendar below, for information only. Please contact the Ministry leader for information.



**\*\*\*This coming week: There will be one live streamed Mass on Saturday, June 13 at 7:30pm for the Fatima Celebration.\*\*\***

### PARISH CALENDAR

<b>June 8</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
<b>June 13</b>	Fatima Celebration 7:30pm live streaming
<b>June 14</b>	KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn after 10am Mass
<b>June 15</b>	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
<b>June 21</b>	Father's Day
<b>June 25</b>	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
<b>June 30</b>	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
<b>July 24</b>	St. James Feast Day - Outdoor Mass
<b>Aug 15-16</b>	St. James Festival
<b>Oct 16</b>	International Rosary 7:00pm
<b>Oct 17</b>	Dinner Dance - Mother Teresa Center
<b>Dec 13</b>	Parish Christmas Party - Mother Teresa Center

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**34700 Fremont Blvd, Fremont CA**  
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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

### DEVOTIONS

<b>Weekly:</b>	
Bible Study	Wed. 9:30 am (Kitchen)
Divine Mercy Chaplet:	Thurs, after morning Mass
<b>In the Small Chapel:</b>	
Legion of Mary	Tues 9:30am
Bible Study with a Difference	Thurs. 7:00pm
Charismatic Prayer Meeting	2nd & 3rd Fridays 7:00pm
<b>Monthly:</b>	
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

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED, PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**510-796-5494.**



*Message from Father Antony (Continued from page 2)*

Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged you are to grow up in such a beautiful family. Turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. Let me conclude with a prayer to the Trinity quoted in a book on Celtic Prayer:

"O Father who sought me  
 O Son who bought me  
 O Holy Spirit who taught me."

Book on Celtic prayer (The Celtic Way of Prayer: The Recovery of the Religious Imagination page 43 by Esther de Waal)



**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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:roeli.iranzo@icloud.com), 510-825-4098. Or ask a Knight! Thank you.



*We are men of faith & men of action.*

**Missed a bulletin? Go to Parish Info on the St. James Website [sjapostle.net](http://sjapostle.net). Get the weekly bulletin delivered to your email. Sign up at <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx> - (Bulletin #000268)**

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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](mailto: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](http://sjapostle.net)) - Parish Info - Parish Membership.

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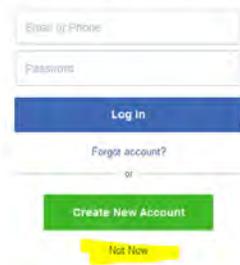
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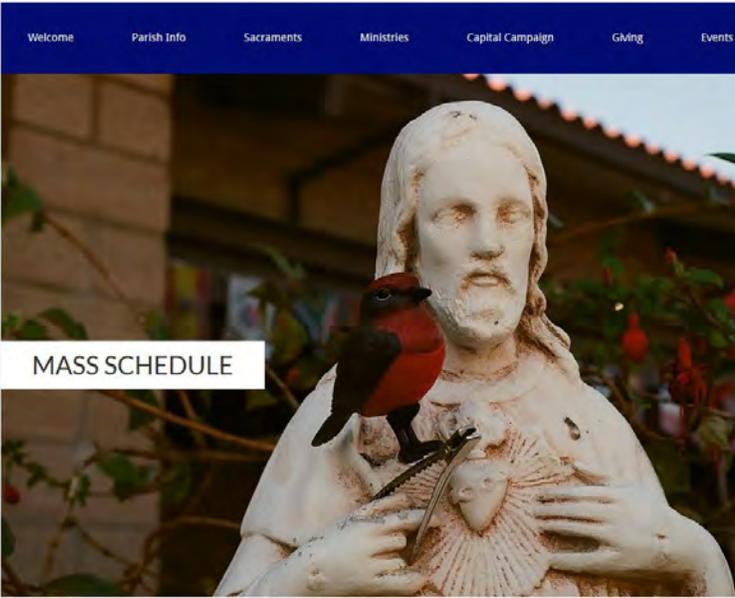
Did you know that you can view the live streaming of St. James' Masses on Facebook without logging in.

Go to the St. James website. Under Parish Info, click on Mass Schedule. There's a link to live streaming just below the photo. You will be taken to Facebook and asked if you want to log in. Click on "Not Now."

See more of St. James the Apostle Church on Facebook



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## St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

Open Mind. Open Heart. Open Door.



### Our Mission Statement

The community of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, in response to God's call to faith, diligently seeks spiritual, emotional, social, and educational needs that sustain us in Christ. We reach out to others in a spirit of Open Mind, Open Heart, and Open Door, accepting and welcoming one another. We pledge our time, talent, and treasure to build our parish community.

Check out the updated St. James website:

**www.sjapostle.net**

Under Parish Info, click on **NEWS** for all the latest updates and messages from Father Antony. You'll also find a News link towards the bottom of the homepage. Let us know what you think! Send us an email: [sjawebteam@sjapostle.net](mailto:sjawebteam@sjapostle.net)

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