

USCCB RESPONDS TO CORONAVIRUS

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

**Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.**

**Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.**

**For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.**

**In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.**

**We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.**

**Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**



Source: <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A (Mathew 10:26-33)

DO NOT WORRY....EVERY HAIR OF YOUR HEAD HAS BEEN COUNTED

There is no one completely free from worry,
To face one's problems all are in a hurry.
We all know, this is part of human nature,
Let us listen to Jesus, our true Teacher.

Let us trust Jesus more than anybody,
Bring Him your worries, like Him there's nobody.
He's faithful and for everyone He does care,
Let nothing disturb you, talk to Him through prayer.

With Jesus by your side, there's no need for fear,
Leave everything in His Hand, your fears He'll clear.
He knows you much more than you can imagine,
In Lord Jesus, you will find the best guideline.

About you there is nothing He does not know,
He understands your concerns about tomorrow.
His Father looks after the birds in the air,
To Him you are much more precious and are dear.

Nothing ever happens without His knowledge,
To have Him as your Lord is your huge privilege!
Learn to rely on Him in every problem,
Find meaning and purpose in divine wisdom.

Even the hairs in your head, He has counted,
With Him you will never be disappointed.
Put away your worries and fears behind,
Of His love, every day He does remind.

Questions:

1. Which stanza of the poem above comforts you the most?
2. When confronting the challenges of this world, do you remember to turn to God when all else seems lost?
3. How do you dwell in the peace of Christ?

Reflections:

There is no one who has understood human nature like Jesus does. During His three years of public ministry, His prominent activities were of healing and teaching. He cured many people of all kinds of sicknesses, and never turned away anyone. As a matter of fact, He opened the eyes of the blind, made the lame walk, and, in a few cases, He raised the dead, including His friend Lazarus. His teachings, imparted to us over two thousand years ago, are still relevant to this day, and He is still devoutly and lovingly followed by billions of people all over the world. One of His favorite topics was on fear: He kept reassuring us that there was nothing to be afraid of. He knew worry could be very dangerous as it would rob people of their peace and happiness: "Never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Each day has enough of its own troubles" (Matthew 6:34). Jesus taught that we could benefit by taking life's problems one day at a time, but this does not imply that we should avoid rational planning for the future. Often what we worry about often fails to happen or does not turn out

as bad as we thought, but it is a fact that anxiety can decrease your life span. He also said that when we put God first in our life, we do not need to be overly anxious about tomorrow, since as God cares for the plants and animals, He will also care for those who serve him. One of the distinguishing traits of a follower of Jesus should be a certain courageous fearlessness which distinguishes him from other men. This fearlessness comes from the fact that he is fully trusting and places all his problems in the hands of Jesus.



**MESSAGE FROM
FATHER ANTONY**

Jesus encouraged the people not to be afraid because there is nothing hidden that will not be unveiled, and nothing covered which will not be known. By these words Jesus emphasizes the fact the truth will triumph. According to a Latin proverb, "Great is the truth, and the truth will prevail." When King James the Sixth of Scotland threatened to hang or exile Andrew Melville, a Scottish scholar, theologian, poet and religious reformer, his answer was: "You cannot hang or exile the truth." Jesus encouraged His followers to speak with boldness and without any fear. What Jesus has told them, they must tell the people.

A preacher is a listener of the Word at all times. What Jesus may speak to him in darkness, he is called to bring forth into the light. No man can speak for Christ unless Christ has first spoken to him; no man can proclaim the truth unless he has listened to the truth; for no man can tell that which he does not know. What he says may not go well with his listeners, and may in fact provoke hatred, anger and possibly even threats to his very life. This is because the truth may hurt in some cases, and the highest, absolute truth can cut deeply to the heart and soul. Jesus spoke the ultimate truth at all times, and was crucified for it. Diogenes, an exemplary Greek Philosopher said, "Truth is like the light to sore eyes." There is an interesting anecdote about Hugh Latimer, who was preaching when King Henry was present. He knew what he was about to say would not go well with the king. And so in the pulpit he soliloquized, "Latimer! Be careful what you say. Henry the king is here." He then paused and said, "Latimer! Latimer! Latimer! Be careful what you say. The King of kings is here." One who speaks the truth speaks in the presence of God. It was said of John Knox, the Scottish minister, as they buried him, "Here lies one who feared God so much that he never feared the face of any man."

Look at the Church today! How many men and women who have laid down their life for the sake of the Gospel in imitation of their Master and Lord, Jesus. We know from history that all twelve apostles, except John the Evangelist, died of martyrdom. As a matter of fact, many early Christians vied with one another to die for Christ. For them to die for Jesus was a true victory. In this context only Jesus speaks, "Do not fear those who deprive the body of life but cannot destroy the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna." During the killing times of the Maccabean struggle, the seven martyred brothers encouraged each other by saying, "Let us not fear him who thinks he kills; for a great struggle and pain of the soul awaits in eternal torment those who transgress the ordinance of God" (4 Maccabees 13:14-15).

Through the example of the sparrows, Jesus powerfully communicates the message that God will take care of His children. He continues by saying, "As for you, every hair of your head has been counted; so do not be afraid of anything." The last part of the Gospel for this Sunday culminates with the loyalty of the Christian life. If a man is loyal to Jesus Christ in this life, Jesus Christ will be loyal to him in the life to come. If a man is proud to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is his Master, Jesus Christ will be proud to acknowledge that he is His servant. The history of the Church simply reveals the truth that that if there had not been men and women in the early Church who, in

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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.



PARISH CALENDAR

June 21	Father's Day
June 25	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
June 30	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
July 3	First Friday
July 6	KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm
July 13	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
July 13	Fatima Celebration
July 19	Father's Day
July 20	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
July 23	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
July 28	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
July 24	St. James Feast Day - Outdoor Mass (TBD)
Aug 15-16	St. James Festival (TBD)
Oct 16	International Rosary 7:00pm
Oct 17	Dinner Dance - Mother Teresa Center
Dec 13	Parish Christmas Party - Mother Teresa Center

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
Holy Days of Obligation:	Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm
Confessions:	Saturday 4:00pm or by appt.
Every Friday Adoration:	9:00 - 10:00am
First Fridays: Adoration	9:00 am-6:30pm
Sacred Heart Novena	6:30pm
Benediction	7:15pm
Healing Mass	7:30pm
Our Mother of Perpetual Help:	Mass & Novena, Wednesdays, 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

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.

Tina Luna, 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 or phone the parish office at 510-792-1962 and leave a message.

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Message from Father Antony (Continued from page 2)

the face of death and agony, refused to deny their Master, there would be no Christian Church today. The Church of today is built on the unbreakable loyalty of those who held fast to their faith, and was fertilized by the blood of martyrs. Our prayer should be, "God our loving Father, give us your Spirit of love to be not only mere hearers, but doers of your Word. Not only to be your admirers but to be true followers in word and spirit. Fill our hearts with your love and that we may fear no one but you and love you strong enough to be afraid of no one. Amen.

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.

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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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Have you checked out the Online Giving Page on the St. James website? You can go to <https://www.osvhub.com/sjapostle/funds> or click on the link on the page to get to Our Sunday Visitor, the organization that is managing the online giving for our parish.

If you have any questions, contact Patrick Valath at (510) 579-6673 or pvalath@yahoo.com

The screenshot shows the website header for St. James the Apostle Catholic Church with the tagline "Open Mind. Open Heart. Open Door." and a search bar. The navigation menu includes: Welcome, Parish Info, Sacraments, Ministries, Capital Campaign, Giving, Events, and FAQ. The main content area features a "GIVING" banner with three images: a food bank, a church service, and a "SHRED CITY" event. Below the banner, a message reads: "Dear Parishioners, We are pleased to announce that as of April 2020, Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the church. This option makes use of current technology and security standards, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient." A section titled "Online Giving Parishioner Benefits" lists: • Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office. • Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card. • Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time. • Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.

Don't Forget Your Priest!

Tell him...

You're grateful for his prayers.

You're keeping your faith.

And you're including him in your prayers.

Thank you and God bless you!

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

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